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SUBJ: VISIT OF FIJI PRIME MINISTER TO SEOUL

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1. PRIME MINISTER RATU KAMISESE MARA OF FIJI VISITED THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA JUNE 6-10, 1978, AT THE INVITATION OF ROK
PRIME MINISTER CHOE. DURING THE VISIT RATU MARA MET WITH
PRESIDENT PAK, PRIME MINISTER CHOE, ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHONG,
AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS, INCLUDING THE MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

2. THE DISCUSSIONS COVERED BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES.
THE ROK INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN FIJI'S PROPOSED FREE TRADE
ZONE AND IN JOINT VENTURES IN FISHERIES AND OTHER FIELDS. IN
TURN, RATU MARA INDICATED SUPPORT FOR ROK DIPLOMATIC OBJECTIVES
IN WORLD FORA, INCLUDING LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNIQUE AS FOLLOWS:

"PRIME MINISTER MARA, REAFFIRMING THE SUPPORT FOR ENDEAVORS
AND PROPOSALS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE
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OF RESUMPTION OF THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN THE JOINT SOUTH-NORTH
COMMUNIQUE OF 4 JULY 1972. THE PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI
FURTHER EXPRESSED THE POSITION OF THE FIJI GOVERNMENT TO
GIVE, IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO
CREATING THE ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO THE REALIZATION
THROUGH SUCH DIALOGUE OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE

PROBLEMS PENDING BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA." (COPY
OF COMMUNIQUE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.)

3. ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONCERNED TOLD EMBOFF
THEY WERE QUITE PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF VISIT. HE ALSO
NOTED THAT ROKG HAD PRESENTED FIJI WITH A NUMBER OF
AUTOMOBILES AND POWER TILLERS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE VISIT.
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